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Bridges

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SUB-MICRON IMAGING AND
PROBING ON PROBE STATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2001, the Applicants request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 23, and 30 as follows:

1. (Amended) A probe apparatus, comprising:
- a first positioning unit to be mounted onto ^{an existing} probe station platform of a probe station
 - so as to provide additional probing capability to the probe station;
 - a probe arm attached to the first positioning unit;
 - a second positioning unit attached to the probe arm;

with probing
A capability